the State Government, the Gujarat Forest Department is in touch with the local villagers in Gir and surrounding areas. On getting information, the suspects were questioned and the culprits nabbed on the next day.

(c) The number of lions poached in the years 2005 and 2006 are as under:

Year	Number of lions poached
2005	2
2006	

Lack of medical staff in sanctuaries/parks

488. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of veterinary staff in each wildlife sanctuary/park in the country;

(b) whether the strength of medical staff is not commensurate with the animals in sanctuaries/parks;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, sanctuary/park-wise; and

(d) the remedial measures proposed/taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The details are at enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(b) to (d) Some of the important Protected Areas in the country are having dedicated veterinary staff. In some States, veterinary staff is deployed in Zoos and also with the Forest Departments at the State level for looking [illegible] of wildlife sector in the State. Similarly, the assistance of the veterinary staff of the State Animal Husbandry Departments is also utilized as and when required. The requirements in the wildlife sector in the country with respect to veterinary care are met in this manner.

Statement

Strength of veterinary staff in wildlife sanctuaries, National Parks in the country

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Name of National Parks/Sanctuaries	Details of Veterinary Staff
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh		Nil
2	Andaman & Nicobar Islands		One Senior Veterinary Officer and ten Veterinary Compounders with the Department to look after Departmental elephants and zoo animals.

1	2	3	4
3.	Arunachal Pradesh		Nil
4.	Assam	Kaziranga	Forest Veterinary Officer- 1 Veterinary Asst. - 1
		Manas Tiger Reserve	Veterinary Asst. - 1
5.	Bihar		Nil
6.	Chhattisgarh		Nil
7.	Chandigarh		Nil
8.	Dadra Nagar Haveli		Nil
9.	Daman & Diu		Nil
10.	Delhi		Nil
11.	Gujarat	Gir National Park, Gir Wildlife Sanctuary, Paniya Sanctuary and Mithiyala Sanctuary	Veterinary Doctor - 3
12.	Haryana		Nil
13.	Himachal Pradesh		Nil
14.	Jammu & Kashmir		Veterinary staff strength of the State Wildlife Protection Department. a) Veterinary Asstt. Surgeon - 1 b) Lab Asstt. - 2 c) Lab Attendant - 2
15.	Jharkhand		Nil
16.	Karnataka	Hunsur Wildlife Division	Veterinary Officer-I
		Mysore Wildlife Division	Veterinary Officer-I
		Shimoga Wildlife Division	Veterinary Officer-I
17.	Kerala	Periyar Tiger Reserve	Veterinary Officer-I
		Wayanad Sanctuary	Veterinary Officer-I

1	2	3	4
18.	Lakshadweep	Pitti Island	Veterinary Doctor - 1
19.	Madhya Pradesh	Kanha National Park,	Veterinary Staff- 1
		Panna National Park,	Veterinary Staff- 1
		Pench National Park,	Veterinary Staff- 1
		Madhav National Park,	Veterinary Staff- 1
		Van Vihar National Park,	Veterinary Staff- 1
20.	Maharashtra	Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Tansa WLS, Tungareshwar WLS and Phansad WLS	Veterinary Doctor-1 Animal Keeper-3
		Tadoba National Park, Pench National Park, Navegaon National Park, Nagziral Sanctuary, Andhari Sanctuary and Bor Sanctuary	Veterinary Doctor-1
		Tadoba National Park, Andheri Wildlife Sanctuary	Animal Keeper-1 Pen Cleaner- 2 Caretaker- 3
21.	Manipur		Nil
22.	Meghalaya	Balpakram National Park and Siju Wildlife Sanctuary	Veterinary Doctor - 1
		Nokrek National Park	Veterinary Doctor - 1
		Lady Hydari National Park and Nongkhyllem Sanctuary	Veterinary Doctor - 1
23.	Mizoram		Nil

1	2	3	4
24.	Nagaland		Nil
25.	Orissa	Satkotia Gorge Sanctuary	Veterinary Assistant surgeon - 1 Junior Veterinary Officer - 1
26.	Punjab	Bir Motibagh Sanctuary	Veterinary Farm Assistant - 1
27.	Rajasthan	Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve	Veterinary Doctor - 1 Veterinary Asstt.-1
28.	Sikkim		Nil
29.	Tamil Nadu	Mudumalai National Park, Indira Gandhi National Park, Mudumalai Sanctuary and Indira Gandhi Sanctuary	Veterinary Doctor - 3
30.	Tripura		One post of Senior Veterinary Surgeon is with the Forest Department at the State level
31.	Uttar Pradesh		Nil
32.	Uttarakhand		Nil
33.	West Bengal	Buxa Tiger Reserve	Veterinary Staff - 1
		Sundarban Tiger Reserve	Veterinary Staff - 1
		Jaldapara Sanctuary	Veterinary Staff - 1
34.	Pondicherry		Nil
35.	Goa		One post of Veterinary Officer and one post of Veterinary Assistant are with the Forest Department at the State level